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Application of: Alan L. Greener, et al.
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NOTICE OF APPEAL PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.191(a)

Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Appeals and Patent Interferences from the decision of the Primary Examiner dated May 6, 2003, in which the rejection of Claims 1, 22, 28, 63, 81, and 82 was made final.

The following checked items are appropriate:

[X] A check covering the fee of \$165.00 for filing this Notice of Appeal under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(b) is included.

A response to the final rejection

[X] was filed previously on August 27, 2003 (copy enclosed).

[] accompanies this paper.

[X] A petition for Three Months' Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), making the new response deadline November 6, 2003, accompanies this paper. A check covering the third month Extension of Time fee of \$420.00 (one months already paid on 8/27/03) under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(3) also accompanies this paper.

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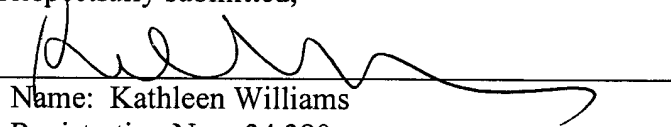
Oral Hearing

[] An oral hearing before the Board of Appeals is hereby requested under 37 C.F.R.

The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment in the total fees to Deposit Account No. 16-0085, Reference 25436/1712. A duplicate of this transmittal letter is enclosed for this purpose.

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